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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STANET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOWR, Ludgate Circus, E. C. HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E. C. SADLER & CO., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLE, 151, Cannon Street, E. C. PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDERSON, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOVER, Melbourne and Sydney. OCEANIA.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo. SINGAPORE, etc.—SAVAGE & CO., Macao. SINGAPORE.—C. HEMING & CO., Macao. CHINA.—MOSCO, F. A. DE GRUZ, NATION QUILON & CO., Amoy, N. MOULIN, Foochow, Hengchow & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1 or more than \$200 at one time will be received. No depositor may dep. it more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months, at 5 per cent. on annual interest.
- Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors of their daily balances.
- Depositors will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

FOR THE
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,300,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—H. L. DAILEYSPUR, Esq.
Hon. JOHN BELL, S. C. MICHAELSEN,
IRVING, Esq.
W. G. BROOKS, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.
J. F. HOLLYDAY, Esq.
HOB. R. LAYTON, Esq.
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER,
Shanghai, EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—Low-on and Company
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 8, 1889. 363

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
Mr. JULES KEISER in our Firm
ceased on the 28th February last.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.
Hongkong, April 4, 1889. 640

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr.
REUBEN GUGBEY, a Partner
in our Firm.

BENJAMIN & DANBY.
Hongkong, April 1, 1889. 623

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the absence
of Mr. JAR. B. COGSTAFF from the
Colony, Mr. GEORGE LOMER TOMLIN has
been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to
the Company.

P. BYRNE,
Chairman.
Hongkong, March 15, 1889. 509

Intimations.

NOTICE

CHARLES BORHAM, Steward of the
ROYAL NAVAL SEAMAN'S CLUB, is pro-
pared TO GIVE \$50 to any Person who
can prove that he has Purchased BEER or
LIQUOR from other parties than those
whose Bills he presented to the General
Committee, or who have been him conveying
such things in his tickets.

Hongkong, April 12, 1889. 695

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Statutory General MEETING of
the above Company will be held at
the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 27th
Instant, at 8.30 p.m.

C. MOONEY,
Secretary (pro tem.)
Hongkong, April 12, 1889. 694

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG,
No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above
Lodge will be held in the Free-
MASON'S Hall, Zetland Street, on TUES-
DAY NEXT, the 16th Inst., at 8.30 for 9
p.m., precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are
cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, April 9, 1889. 679

SOCIÉTÉ FERMÉE
DE
L'OPIUM AU TONKIN.

A DIVIDEND of \$130 per SHARE will
be PAID AT THE HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and
after the 15th of April, on Production of
SHARE CERTIFICATES, which require to
be stamped before the Dividend can be paid.

R. ST. MATHURIN,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, April 11, 1889. 686

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY
PANY, LIMITED.

A NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY General MEETING of the
PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at
the Registered Office of the Company, No.
9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, FRIDAY,
the 19th day of April, at 4.30 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 4th April instant, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be in-
creased to the sum of \$600,000 legally
current in the Colony of Hongkong from
the creation of 20,000 New Shares of
\$10 each. Subject to any direction to
the contrary that may be given by the
Meeting sanctioning the increase of
Capital, all New Shares shall be offered to
the Members registered on the Day of
the Confirmation of the Resolution in
proportion to existing Shares held by
them, and such offer shall be made by
notice specifying the number of
Shares to which the Member is entitled
and limiting a time within which the
offer if not accepted will be deemed to
be declined, and after the expiration of
such time or on the receipt of an inti-
mation from the Member to whom
such notice is given that he declines to
accept the Shares offered, such Shares
shall be dealt with by the Directors in
their discretion.

Dated the 4th day of April, 1889.
By Order of the Board,

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY
PANY, LIMITED.

A NOTICE is hereby given that if the
above mentioned Resolution for the
increase of the Capital of the Company be
confirmed, the SHAREHOLDERS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the 19th
day of April to the 11th day of May next,
both inclusive.

Dated the 4th day of April, 1889.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SEVENTH PRIZE MEETING.

OVER 1,000 DOLLARS TO BE GIVEN
IN PRIZES.

TO be held on FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
and MONDAY, 19th, 20th and 21st
April, 1889.

Pools, Sweepstakes, and several Events
open to All Comers.

Programmes and all particulars on applica-
tion.

Persons desirous of joining the Associa-
tion should send in their names at once.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o HONGKONG CLUB.
Hongkong, April 1, 1889. 617

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,500,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....1,250,000

Board of Directors:

HON. J. DELIUS BROWN, CHAIRMAN.

HON. C. P. CHATER, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

MR. E. A. SOLOMON.

MR. S. C. MICHAELSEN.

MR. G. E. NOBLE.

MR. LEE SING.

MR. FOON FONG.

Bunkers:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

THE Objects for which this Company are
formed are to transact in the Colony
of Hongkong, and its Dependencies, the
Purchases and Sales of Property, to advance
Money, or Mortgages, to undertake the
Management and Agency of Estates, and
generally to carry on any Business, in
connection with Land Property.

The fullest information can be had on
application at the Company's OFFICES, No.
7, Queen's Road Central.

ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary (pro tem.)

Victoria Building,

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1889. 689

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the absence
of Mr. JAR. B. COGSTAFF from the
Colony, Mr. GEORGE LOMER TOMLIN has
been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to
the Company.

P. BYRNE,

Chairman.

Hongkong, March 15, 1889. 509

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW UNPACKED

T H E I R N E W S T O C K

OF

Sun Hats & Helmets,

AND

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 3, 1889. 629

STRAW HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 3, 1889. 629

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

H A V E R E C E I V E D T H E I R S E C O N D D E L I V E R Y

OF
WINTER COATINGS, TWEED AND DRESS SUITINGS,
TROUSERINGS, AND ULSTER TWEEDS.

A Very Stylish Selection.

OUR OUTFITTING STOCK IS ALSO COMPLETE IN SEASONABLE GOODS.

QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),

Hongkong, January 14, 1889. 60

W. POWELL & CO.

EX STEAMSHIP GLENSHIEL.

LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, April 11, 1889.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within a stone's throw of the principal Government Offices and the Queen's Road Central, Victoria, has recently been enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

THE ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied DINE-HOTEL is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continuous languages are spoken.

MESSRS. D. RAJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1889. 1612

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 8197.—APRIL 13, 1889.]

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Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIK PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 14th day of April,
1889, at 10 a.m., the Company's
Steamer PREUSEN, Capt. O. Pohl,
with MILITARY PASSENGERS, SPECIE
and CARGO, will have this port as above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon. Cargo will be received on board
until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 1 p.m.
on the 13th April, 1889. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be
left at the AGENCY's Office). Contents and
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELKHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 18, 1889.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOWARDS
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship CITY
OF NEW YORK will be des-
patched for San Francisco, via Yokohama
on TUESDAY, the 16th April, at 1 p.m.
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan
and the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japanese
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlanta and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demarara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:

To San Francisco \$200.00

To San Francisco and return 350.00

To Liverpool 325.00

To London 330.00

To other European points at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service,
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passenger by this Line have the option
of proceeding overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific
or Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Passenger, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
does not apply to Through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
packages will be received at the office until
6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the
Consular Office in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

O. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1889.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship BATAVIA,
2,553 Tons Register, AULD, Com-
mander, will be despatched for VANCOU-
VER, B.C., via NAGASAKI, KOBE and
YOKOHAMA (passing through the Island
Sea), on THURSDAY, the 26th April, at
Noon.

To be followed by the S.S. PORT
AUGUSTA, on the 9th May, and
PATRIOT, on the 23rd May.

Connection will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai with Pacific Coast
Ports, to the regular Steamers of the
Pacific Ocean STEAMSHIP COMPANY and
other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:

To Vancouver & Victoria, Mo. \$160.00

To all common points in Can- 230.00

ada, and the United States 230.00

To Liverpool 300.00

To London 305.00

To other European points at proportion-
ate rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service,
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points in the United States,
should be sent to the Company's Office,
addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District
Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. on the 24th April.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office
and should be marked to address in full;
and the same will be received by us until
5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight,
apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1889.

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Intimations.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6TH DIVIDEND.

A 6TH DIVIDEND of 6½% on all
CLAIMS against the HONGKONG
BRANCH OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPO-
RATION, which have been approved by the
Court of Chancery, will be paid at the
Offices of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPO-
RATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY,
the 18TH MARCH next.

Creditors are requested to apply to the
Bank for their Dividends and to produce
the letter they hold from the Official Li-
quidator, admitting their Claims, in order
that the Payment of the 6th Dividend may
be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR by arrangement
with THE ASSETS REALIZATION
Co. is prepared to PAY IN ADVANCE to
CREDITORS willing to receive such PAY-
MENT IN FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR
CLAIMS the Dividend of 6½ per cent.
on the year 1889, UNDER A DISCOUNT
OF FIVE TWELFTHS PER CENT.

Creditors, who are willing to accept
Payment of the Final Dividend less discount as
above are requested to communicate with
the Undersigned BEFORE THE END OF
THE CURRENT MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER,
Agent for the Official Liquidator,
Oriental Bank Corporation
in Liquidation.

2, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, February 6, 1889.

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HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM- WAYS COMPANY, Ltd.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.
12 " 2 p.m. half hour.
3 " 7 " quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS AT 10.45 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10.40 a.m.; 12 to 3 p.m. every half hour.
3 to 7 p.m. every quarter of an hour.
SPECIAL CARS may be obtained on application
to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-
Cent Coupons and Revenue Tickets at the
Office.

M. A. EWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 2, 1889.

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DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(FORMERLY UNLICENSED APPRENTICE AND LAT-
TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

AT the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-
pied by DR. ROBERTS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to misadventures and families
Sole Authors.

2. DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the Nat. Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1889.

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INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889.

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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM- PANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887.

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To Let.

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.

Possession from 1st April next.

Apply to

LAI HING & Co.,

No. 153, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, March 13, 1889.

475

To Let.

(With Immediate Possession.)

NOS. 1, 2 & 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 14, 1889.

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To Let.

(With Immediate Possession.)

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

AND OTHER CONNECTING

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUZI CANAL.—Bawdow, Feb. 19; Spinifex, 22; Wakefield, May 6; Nantes, 8; Tier, 15; Orteca, Monrovia, 18; Gernhart, Belona, 22; Ajur, 24; pirates, 26; Anchors, Nud, Kirk, 26; Arica, 27; Callao, 28; Dumbarton, 29; Gloucest., Duke of Buckingham, Cambria, 29; Cossack, 30; Opac Post Fairy, Sardpon, 31; Glenfruin, Devore, 32.

HOMeward bound:—Hampshire, Westmtns., Mar. 12; Rambler, 15; Strathleven, 22; Achates, Amphitrite, April 2; Menelaus, 5; Sachem, Garmoutheshire, Aphrodite, 9; Antenor, Djennah, 12.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Suez*, with the AMERICAN MAN of March 20, leaves Yokohama on the 11th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on the 17th inst. The Oceanic Pacific Co.'s s.s. *Batavia*, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on the 10th inst. for Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd's S. S. Co.'s steamer *Eugen*, with the next outward GERMAN MAIL, dated Berlin, 19th Mar., left Singapore on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 18th inst.

The Ben Line steamer *Emmeline* left Singapore on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

The Shire Line's s.s. *Resolute*, from London, etc., left Singapore on the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

The P. & O. a.s. *Gowrie* left Bombay for this port on the 4th inst.

ORDER OF GENERAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL—PALM SUNDAY.—Matins—Venit, Alcock; Psalms, Jones and Camider; To Deum, Woodward & Jubilate, Hayes; Anthem, Daughters of Jerusalem; Hymn, 99. Evensong—Psalms, Garrett &c.; Magnificat, Smart; Nunc Dimittis, Foster; Hymn, 98, 193 & 12.

We hear that \$50 of the Hongkong Hotel Company's debentures have been applied for. The number for allotment to the public is 600, and only those applicants whose tenders were as high as 1 per cent. premium will receive bonds.

Messrs Melchers & Co. inform us that the Nord Lloyd's *Aegir*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin, 19th March, left Singapore at 11 a.m. to-day for this port.

The second of the H. K. Rifle Association's open competitions at 800 yards took place this afternoon between eighteen competitors, and was won by Mr F. G. Collins with a score of 57, Mr E. Robinson being second, with a score of 34.

DRIVING SERVICE FOR SEAMEN.—On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the Bethel flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting code-pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

Tsai Yung and Ho Chung, the two servants who were charged with stealing a number of valuable articles from the rooms in Messrs Russel and Co.'s premises occupied by Mr A. Duer and Mr G. H. Pott, were brought before Mr Pollock in the Police Court to-day on remand. As no fresh evidence was produced against the accused, they were discharged.

HONGKONGERS are apparently not good Church people, for we observe that the Panjiong meeting is fixed for next Friday, which is Good Friday. And the Purjomes are not the only sinners in this respect, for the Governor would have adjourned the Council meeting to Friday next, had not Mr Byrne assumed the rôle of the zealous Church man and called to his recollection that Friday was a general holiday. The Panjiong Company will no doubt take the hint and alter their day of meeting.

The Gibb Line's *Afghan*, which arrived here this morning from Nagasaki, touched on Tam-kan (Luna Island) in the fog, and damaged her forecastle. She docks on Monday, but makes little or no water. The *Afghan* is also reported to have been to near the land, and to have sustained some little damage. The *Afghan*, which arrived here the other day, is said to have been in collision with the new steamer *China* in Sung River, and also sustained some damage.

DURING the downward journey of one of the Peak Tramways this forenoon three coolies made a foolhardy attempt to jump on board from the sides of a deep cutting, a place at which the car never stops. The result was that one of them was thrown down with considerable violence and seemed to have sustained severe injuries. It was found on examination, however, that he had only sustained a couple of slight scalp wounds. He was at once sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

An excise officer named da Silva was brought before Mr Pollock, in the Police Court to-day, on a charge of obtaining certain goods on false pretences, from H. M. Gomes, manager of the "Fashion Emporium," Lyndhurst Terrace. The complainant's statement (which was corroborated by one of the assistants in the shop) was to the effect that the defendant, while in the employ of a Portuguese lady, was in the habit of getting goods from the shop in her name, and that in December last he obtained a bottle of perfume and some silk hose, altogether of the value of \$5.25, for which the lady in question had refused to pay, as they had never been ordered nor received by her. It appears, however, that defendant had not represented that the goods were for anybody but himself, and as he said he intended to pay for them the case was dismissed.

News by the American mail will be found on the 4th page.

The closing meeting of the Literary Society for this session will be held at 18 Bank Buildings on Monday next, at 8.45 p.m., when an address by the Rev. J. Chalmers, M.A., on "Learning Chinese," will be given.

We have just received the March number of the *Regimental News*, which contains several interesting items. In the article relating to the Regiment's impression of Hongkong, we find the following paragraph:—"At last we have found streets which for mud are worse even than those of London, although we always imagined they were unrivaled in that respect. In this place, where all the youth and beauty travel about in chairs, one does not even have the consolation of an occasional glimpse of a well-turned ankle, which, eight days one of our young and frivolous subalterns, who overbalance the inconvenience of muddy streets."

That following may, we think, be taken as a pretty correct list of the officers and ladies who leave to-morrow by the *Orientes*:—

Captain H. H. Boys, late *Cordelia*; Rev. B. Harper, B.A., late Chaplain Naval Yard and Hospital, Lieut. Col. Forbes-Robertson, Mrs. Forbes-Robertson, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Mason.

Leander:—Lieuts. H. C. A. Baynes, R. P. Fitzgerald, H. B. Worthington, Staff Surgeon F. R. M. Loftie, Fleet Engineer John. High. Engineer E. G. Cartar, Assistant Engineers F. Jarvis, H. G. W. Peal, and Anderson.

Hyacinth:—Lieuts. E. P. Ashe, S. H. Carden, R. R. Grawe, A. D. Douglas Hamilton, G. Oliver, Staff Paymaster W. C. S. Hyne, Chief Engineer J. A'Court, Conquest:—Capt. C. L. Oxley, Commander R. J. Symons, Lieuts. E. Rao, R. A. Gwynn, Neville, Staff Commander W. H. Maunsell, Captain of Marines C. Walker, Captain Rev. M. R. S. Onslow, Staff Surgeon A. C. Quicly, Paymaster M. B. Williams, Staff Engineer J. Johnson, Assistant Paymaster R. E. Smith, Engineer S. Ashton, Assistant Engineers E. Swinney.

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CENSUS OF THE POPULATION IN CHEKIANG.—The Governor of Chekiang reports that at the end of last year the population of Chekiang, male and female, young and old, amounted to 11,720,391 souls. These figures were taken from the returns collected in the course of the registration of the inhabitants of each district for police purposes (*paohsin*).—*Peking Gazette*.

The well-known steamer *Lord of Isles* is reported by the *Japan Gazette* to have been sold for £11,300.

We hear that some of the vessels of the Central China Squadron are to proceed North to join the Peiping squadron in certain manoeuvres.—*N.C. Daily News*.

SAYS the *Bukka Shimpō*:—"It is said that a new treaty has been concluded between Russia and Korea relative to the frontier, but the particulars are not yet known. The treaty is to provide the free and unhampered trading on of industries of the Russians in Korean dominions adjoining the mouth of the Amur."

NOTES FROM NATIVE PAPERS.—The Japan Mail, the 2nd inst., states:—"A strange and apparently unknown disease has made its appearance in the Miura district of Kanagawa prefecture, that is to say, in the region lying about Cape Misaki. The symptoms are not accurately described by the vernacular press. So far as we can learn, the malady commences with acute pain in the abdominal regions, high fever is developed, and within twenty hours from the time of onset, the patient dies. This was the case in last summer but there was a respite in three minutes after that signal was hauled down. Wooden beams are preferred to iron on the mouth of the Amur."

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